

(b) Private Sector is being encouraged for promotion of technical education. Almost two-third of the technical institutes are managed through the private initiatives.

(c) and (d) As per the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Act, 1987, setting up of technical institutes including those in the private sector, need AICTE approval. The process of approval generally takes one year as per the schedule of approval process.

CAG's observations and recommendations for ICDS

310. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in an appraisal of the Integrated Child Development Scheme between 1992—99, has lamented that the scheme has done little in improving the health status of children as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 20th January, 2001;

(b) if so, the acts and figures, which attracted such observations from the CAG and the drawbacks pointed out by the CAG in implementation of the scheme; and

(c) the steps since taken to improve the conditions and implementation mechanism in the light of the CAG's recommendations and observations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Report is a performance appraisal of the impact of the scheme and the delivery service there under. It has commented on the objectives, implementation and impact process, shortfalls in the targets, discrepancies in the nutrition distribution, receipt of medicine kits, diversion of funds, identification and coverage of beneficiaries, health input delivery, training and monitoring among other things.

(c) Some of the major initiatives taken by the Department to increase the effectiveness and impact of the programme in the last two years include: (i) The freeze on expansion imposed in May, 1997

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has been lifted. Permission for operationalization of 5171 ICDS blocks upto Ninth Five Year Plan has been granted. (ii) The monitoring mechanism has been replaced with consolidated State reports providing more focused information to facilitate feed back. (iii) The financial norms under the Scheme have been revised upwards to strengthen the scheme. The State Governments have been impressed upon to provide adequate budget provision for supplementary nutrition. The nutrition component of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana has also been included to increase nutritional coverage of supplementary feeding. (iv) The procurement of medicine kits have been decentralized, provision of pre-school kit introduced. (v) The decentralized training programme for ICDS functionaries named UDISHA has been launched.

Court Cases Filed by the KV Teachers

311. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of court-cases filed by Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers of the country to challenge their transfers ordered by the Head Office during 2000 A.D., region and category-wise;

(b) the details of cases wherein interim stay-orders were given by different courts in this matter;

(c) the details of cases wherein the Sangathan's officers did not honour the said stay-orders; and

(d) the details of action taken/contemplated against the erring officers who indulged in contempt of courts in these matters?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected.